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REMARKS

We have carefully considered the Office Action dated May 27, 2004, in which the pending claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and also under §112, second paragraph. We thank the Examiner for a telephone conference in which the §112 rejections were discussed. With respect to the rejections under 112 first paragraph, independent claims 1 and 19 and dependent claim 37 have been amended to include consistent references to one or more appliances and the associated electronic control systems. With respect to rejections under 112, first paragraph, we have amended independent claims 1 and 19 and dependent claims 6, 9, 10 and 25 to include the broader, more general, language suggested by the Examiner. This language covers all of the embodiments and variations thereof that are described in the specification.

As also requested by the Examiner, we have amended the specification to include therein the applicable section headings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.77(b). An Abstract, with appropriate section heading, was provided with an earlier response.

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The specification and claims, as amended, should now be in form for allowance. We respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment and reconsider his rejections, and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. Please charge any fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

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